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**In Re Application of:**

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**For: ULTRASONIC DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING  
CONTRAST AGENTS**

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: **DECISION**  
: **ON**  
: **PETITION**  
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This is a decision on Applicants' petition for entry of an amendment under 37 CFR 1.312(b). The petition was filed September 8, 1998. The application issued as Patent Number 5,833,613 on November 10, 1998.

Unfortunately, the petition must be dismissed because the above-mentioned petition did not come before the Director of Patent Examining Group 3730 for consideration until after the issue date. Once a patent is granted there is no authority to consider and/or enter amendments under 1.312(b). The delay in consideration of the amendment is regretted.

**Summary: Petition Dismissed.**

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